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SUBJ: ATTEMPTED ROBBERY OF MRS. TAMAS VARGA (HUNGARY)

1. MRS. TAMAS VARGA, WIFE OF THIRD SECRETARY OF HUNGARIAN MISSION, WAS VICTIM OF PURSE SNATCHERS AT 11:15A.M. ON DEC 3 AT 86TH ST AND FIRST AVE IN NYC.

2. ACCORDING TO PLAINCLOTHES POLICE OFFICER, TWO JUVENILES AGED 13 AND 14, WHO WERE TRUANT FROM SCHOOL, SNATCHED MRS. VARGA'S PURSE AS SHE WALKED DOWN THE STREET. THE PERPETRATORS, FRED SMITH AND HENRY WOODLEY WERE FOLLOWED TO 88TH ST AND EAST END AVE AND ARRESTED BY POLICE OFFICERS STATIONED AT GRACIE MANSION.

3. POLICE RETURNED MRS. VARGA'S PURSE TO HER AT HER REQUEST. POLICE REPORTED THAT MRS. VARGA WAS NOT INJURED BY PURSE SNATCHERS.

3. TAMAS VARGA PHONED MISOFF MORNING OF DEC 4 AND INFORMED HIM MRS. VARGA COULD NOT APPEAR IN COURT AS COMPLAINANT BECAUSE OF HUNGARIAN POLICY NOT TO ALLOW DIPLOMATS OR THEIR FAMILIES TO BECOME INVOLVED IN JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS. LATER, NYC POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL KUKURA VISITED USUN, INFORMED US THAT PERPETRATORS WERE IN CHILDRENS COURT, CHARGED WITH GRAND LARCENY, AND ASKED IF WE COULD PURSUADE MRS. VARGA TO FILE CHARGES

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AGAINST SMITH AND WOODLEY. WE EXPLAINED HUNGARIAN

DECLINATION TO HIM. KUKURA SAID BOYS WOULD PROBABLY
BE RELEASED SINCE THERE WERE NO WITNESSES TO PURSE
SNATCHING.
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